

Troop 3 Weekend Camping Trip Packing List

This packing list is to help provide guidance for our standard weekend long trips; a separate list will be sent out for summer camp or backpacking as those trips are a bit more involved.

This list is a guideline; feel free to add what you feel you need to bring, remembering that you will have to carry it.

The troop will provide:

- Tents
- Cooking gear and stoves
- Shade structures
- Camp lanterns
- Firewood

Items you should NOT bring to camp with you include:

- Computers/Video Games
- Alcohol, tobacco, or nicotine products
- Personal firearms
- Anything of value that may be damaged by being outside
- Pets/domesticated animals

THE 10 ESSENTIALS

- Pocket knife and Totin' Chip
- First aid kit
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- Layers of clothing for different conditions
- Rain gear
- Method to create fire (waterproof matches, lighter, fire starters)
- Canteen or water bottle – all of our weekend trips are to places with potable water; the troop brings a water filtration system in case of surprises
- Trail snacks – this can be planned for in patrol meal planning, but it never hurts to have some extra snacks you like
- Sun protection – hat or cap, sunblock, long sleeved shirts, and sunglasses
- Compass and map – maps can be picked up at the campground

CLOTHING

- Shoes with good tread; ideally hiking boots or trail runners
- Waterproof boots – if it will be raining, waterproof boots are wonderful

- Blue jeans or other long pants - these can be important if it is cold or we end up hiking in an area with poison oak
- Clothing for sleeping

Daily change of clothes:

- Short-sleeved shirts, T-shirts, tank tops, etc.
- Shorts or pants
- Socks (twice as many if wet weather)
- Underwear

OUTERWEAR

- Jacket – this could be a heavy jacket, or you could bring a warm puffy jacket and separately layer over a poncho or raincoat if you prefer
- Hooded sweatshirt or sweater – layers are important to deal with varying weather conditions
- Poncho or raincoat – some sort of waterproof or water resistant shell. This could be a heavy ski coat if you prefer.
- Gloves – very handy if it's cold. If it could be wet, you might want a couple pairs of gloves

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Hand soap in container
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Comb and/or brush
- Lip balm

BEDDING

- Sleeping bag appropriate for the weather
- Foam sleeping pad or air mattress

CAMPING GEAR

- Mess kit (plate, bowl, and cup) – the patrol chuck box does have this gear, but you may want your own
- Utensil kit (knife, fork, and spoon) – the patrol chuck box does have this gear, but you may want your own

- Insect repellent
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Notebook and pencils or pens
- Backpack, duffel bag, or suitcase to carry everything in

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Pillow or air pillow
- Blanket(s) and/or space blanket
- Folding camp chair
- Sunglasses
- Watch
- Spending money
- Snacks – the patrol will have shared snacks, but if there is anything you feel you need please bring it
- Hiking stick or trekking poles
- Binoculars
- Fishing gear
- Animal identification books, plant keys, geological studies, star charts or other guides
- Games – cards, dice, board games, or games of skill (i.e. cornhole, frisbee)
- Musical instrument
- LED lantern for your tent
- Daypack